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*[Left to right] Information Technology Head Andrew Pace and NCSU Libraries Fellow Emily Lynema led the Libraries' rollout of the new catalog powered by Endeca search software, which has reconceptualized how users perform searches of the library's collection.*

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The NCSU Libraries has announced the creation of a Digital Publishing Center, which is part of the Learning and Research Center for the Digital Age (LRCDA). The Libraries has appointed **Monica J. McCormick** as its director of digital publishing, effective July 1, 2006. McCormick will establish and develop a program to facilitate the Libraries' collaboration with faculty members who are engaged in creating and publishing digital scholarly content and will play a leadership role in library and university digital asset management. She will also lead digital publishing and institutional repository initiatives and establish priorities for projects and partnerships in light of university and library disciplinary strengths, contributions, and trends.

Working closely with library colleagues, McCormick will provide a key editorial and de-

sign role for online exhibition materials, exhibit catalogs, and other unique library content and publications. Her work will contribute to the definition of library standards and practices for digitization and online presentation of text, images, and multimedia.

With sixteen years experience at the University of California Press, McCormick brings to the position a rich background in scholarly publishing. She served for ten years as principal editor, contracting for up to twenty-five books annually in history and ethnic studies. She arranged for peer review of publications and served as a resource for authors on copyright and fair use issues.

An interest in exploring how digital information could enhance scholarly communication led McCormick to a career transition into librarianship. Her studies at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science have focused on digital libraries and digital preservation, copyright law, and metadata. As a Carolina Academic Library Associate, she completed an assignment as licensing intern in serials acquisitions and continues to work as research assistant to the editorial board of Documenting the American South, an outstanding digital publishing initiative of Chapel Hill's University Libraries. She serves as visiting program officer with the Association of Research Libraries Task Force on Special Collections. McCormick will receive an M.S.L.S. in May from the UNC-Chapel Hill. She is a *cum laude* graduate of Carleton College, with a B.A. in history. ❖

**Joe Williams** became director of the NCSU Libraries new Learning Commons on April 3, 2006, where users will find new technologies combined with traditional knowledge resources in a dynamic, community-oriented learning environment. Expected to open in late 2006, the space for the Learning Commons is currently being renovated with a focus on design, appearance, and flexibility for future technologies. Williams will actively engage with NC State students to identify emerging technologies of interest and will work closely with the Libraries' Information Technology and Digital Library Initiatives departments to implement a robust and relevant computing environment.

Based in Research and Information Services, Williams will develop a service plan and will advise on continued development of the Learning Commons as a comfortable and welcoming environment for collaborative student work.

Williams joins the NCSU Libraries from Texas A&M University, where he has served since 2004 as manager for Education and Technology Services in the Medical Sciences Library. There, he oversaw the Medical Sciences Library's systems staff, budget, and operations and developed and delivered an on-site and Web-assisted program of library instruction. He led the Website Usability Committee for the university-wide library system and chaired the College of Veterinary Medicine's Instructional Technology Subcommittee. As an adjunct professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, he taught courses in medical information management and health informatics. Previously, he served for two years as education services librarian for the Texas A&M Medical

Sciences Library. He began his professional library career with the NCSU Libraries, serving as an NCSU Libraries Fellow from 2001 to 2002.

Williams holds an M.S.L.S. from UNC-Chapel Hill and a B.A. in environmental studies from Warren Wilson College. ❖





**Darby C. Orcutt** was appointed senior collection manager for humanities and social sciences effective March 1, 2006. He leads the NCSU Libraries' collection programs in all humanities and social sciences disciplines, with responsibility for planning, policy development, and budget management. He maintains client-focused relationships with faculty, researchers, and students to determine collection needs and priorities, monitors trends in scholarly communication, and analyzes use of the collection. He continues to hold oversight responsibility for Collection Management's data analysis efforts, providing information critical to decision making in a complex environment of electronic publishing, electronic-resource development, and integrated library systems.

Since 2003 Orcutt has served the NCSU Libraries as collection manager for humanities and data analysis. He joined the Libraries in 2001 as an NCSU Libraries Fellow in the

Collection Management Department. Before entering librarianship, he worked for three years in a marketing and management capacity for Time Life Books, Education Division.

Orcutt has a strong record of publication, presentations, professional development, and service on a range of library and campus-wide committees, as well as regional and national library organizations. For several years, he has taught the undergraduate course "Religious Traditions of the World" as lecturer in the NCSU Department of Philosophy and Religion.

Orcutt earned an M.S.L.S., an M.A. in communication studies, and a B.A. with distinction in speech communication and religious studies from UNC-Chapel Hill. As an undergraduate, he was a James M. Johnston Scholar and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; as a graduate student in library science, he was awarded both a Margaret Ellen Kalp Fellowship and a graduate assistantship. ❖

**John Vickery** became collection manager for the humanities and social sciences on February 1, 2006. He manages humanities and social sciences collections through close, consultative relationships with faculty, researchers, and students. He also serves on the Humanities and Social Sciences Subject Team and is involved in departmental efforts in collection analysis.

Vickery joined the NCSU Libraries in 2005 as an NCSU Libraries Fellow, holding a home department assignment in Collection Management while pursuing project assignments in Administration and Digital Library Initiatives. As a graduate student at UNC–Chapel Hill, he received a two-year fellowship appointment as a Carolina Academic Library Associate. During

his fellowship, he held collection management responsibilities for Latin American and Iberian resources, conducted library Web site and database design and maintenance, and provided reference service and bibliographic instruction. Last May he received an M.S.L.S. from UNC–Chapel Hill. He graduated *cum laude* from Appalachian State University with a B.A. in English and Spanish. He pursued graduate studies in applied linguistics at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. Vickery received numerous awards and scholarships, including the Margaret Ellen Kalp Fellowship at Chapel Hill and the Bilingual Teacher Training Scholarship at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. ❖





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